



PATENT  
Docket No. 11641/39  
Appn. Serial No. 10/084063

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE			
STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW		Attorney Docket Number: 11641/39	
Applicant CASAGRANDE, et al.	Application No. 10/084063	Filing Date February 28, 2002	
		Examiner David M. NAFF	Art Unit 1651
Invention Title MAGNETIC IMMOBILIZATION OF CELLS			

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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SIR:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative in the personal interview conducted on **October 04, 2006**, and provide this timely Statement of the Substance of the Interview in compliance with MPEP § 713.04:

- (A) Exhibits: No exhibits were submitted.
- (B) Claims: Claims 197, 203, 204, 207, 208, and 214 were discussed.
- (C) Prior art: Ekenberg *et al.* (US 5,567,326), Dolan *et al.* (US 6,136,182), Liberti *et al.* (US 6,013,532), Zborowski *et al.* (US 5,968,820).
- (D) Amendments: Claims 197, 203, 204, 207, 208, and 214 were amended
- (E) Principal Arguments of Applicants: The proposed amendments overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C § 112 and 103. Ekenberg *et al.* do not teach or suggest all the limitations as instantly claimed, and teach away from the modification as suggested by the Examiner in Office Action dated June 29, 2006.
- (F) Other pertinent matters: Not applicable.

- (G) General results: The Examiner indicated that the proposed amendments overcome the 112 rejections, and agreed to reconsider the amended claims.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 29, 2006

SIR:

Applicants express their deep gratitude to Examiner Naff for his time during the Examiner Interview, which Applicants' representative found most helpful and productive. In response to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2006, Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner Interview and provide herein arguments in support thereof.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for a one-month extension of time, as well as any other fees that may be necessary for consideration of this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5

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